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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 4/13/04 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 12-19, 22, 23, 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US patent #5,903,634 (Wakabayashi et al).

- As for claims 1, 15, 28: Wakabayashi et al teach a method and corresponding system for conveying an image position, comprising the steps/means for displaying at least a portion of a menu image on a display 6, and modifying the portion of the menu image to convey to a user a position of the portion of the menu image in relation to the entire menu image (4:8-24).

- As for claims 2, 14, 16: The menu image includes a background (4:9) and at least one symbol (menu items 6.1-6.10) superimposed on the background and wherein the modifying steps comprises graduating the contrast of at least a portion of the background in relation to the symbols (4:13-22).

- As for claims 3, 17: The graduating includes varying at least one of the hue, brightness, and saturation of the background (4:13022, 5:4-6).

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- As for claims 4, 18: Menu symbols 6.1 – 6.10 are superimposing over its background image. It is noted that Wakabayashi's modification comprises graduating the contrast of the background or the character of the symbols (2:9-12).

- As for claims 5, 19: The graduating includes varying at least one of the hue, brightness, and saturation of the background (4:13022, 5:4-6).

- As for claims 8, 22: The menu image comprises a fixed length of 10 phone numbers order by frequency of usage (fig 1). The order of the phone number may be changed, but the total of phone numbers is fixed. The menu image can be any set of data displayed in order, other than the most frequently used phone list (5:23-27).

- As for claims 9, 23: The background is a bitmap image and the symbol is a list that includes a fixed list of phone numbers.

- As for claims 12, 26: The color servers as positional indicators (4:8-24). Each phone number is further designated by a numerical order (4:45-56)

- As for claims 13, 27: Color and numerical order are superimposed over menu symbols 6.1 – 6.10 based on the number of the menu symbols (fig. 1, 4:25-45).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6, 7, 10, 11, 20, 21, 24, 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US patent #5,903,634 (Wakabayashi et al).

- As for claims 6, 20: Menu symbols 6.1 – 6.10 are superimposing over its background image. It is noted that Wakabayashi's modification comprises graduating the contrast of the background or the symbols (4:13-22). Wakabayashi et al is silent regarding graduating the contrast of at least a portion of both the background and the symbols. However, it would have been obvious to one of skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to implement the graduating the contrast, hue, brightness, or saturation of the menu symbols to convey the symbol position. The implementation would have been an obvious design variation in light of Wakabayashi et al.

- As for claims 7, 21: In light of the reasoning set forth in the rejection of claim 6, the graduating includes varying at least one of the hue, brightness, and saturation of the background (4:13-22, 5:4-6).

- As for claims 10, 11, 24, 25: The menu image is a list of phone number displayed by the order of most frequently used (2:18-24), superimposing over a bitmap of background image (fig 1). Wakabayashi et al is silent regarding scaling the image to accommodate changes to the image. However, official notice is taken that implementation of truncating least frequently used menu items is well known in the art of menu display. It would have been obvious to one of skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine the well known implementation of truncating the least frequently used menu to Wakabayashi's teaching of menu display based on frequency of usage. Motivation of the combining is for conserving display space and ease of

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menu selection. In light of the reasoning the menu image would be scaled to accommodate change in the menu.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ba Huynh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4138. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on (703) 308-5186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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